

BÀI TẬP NÂNG CAO VỀ MẠO TỪ**PHẦN 1: Insert a or an if necessary.****EXERCISE 1 (Chữa trong video)**

1. My neighbour is . . . photographer; let's ask him for . . . advice about colour films.
2. A: We had . . . fish and . . . chips for . . . lunch.
B: That doesn't sound . . . very interesting lunch.
3. I had . . . very bad night; I didn't sleep . . . wink.
4. He is vegetarian; you won't get . . . meat at his house. He'll give you . . . nut cutlet. Last time I had . . . nut cutlet. I had . . . indigestion.
- 5 . . . travel agent would give you . . . information about . . . hotels.
6. We'd better go by . . . taxi - if we can get . . . taxi at such . . . hour as 2 a.m.
- 7 . . . person who suffers from . . . claustrophobia has . . . dread of being confined in . . . small space, and would always prefer . . . stairs to . . . lift.
8. A: Do you take . . . sugar in . . . coffee?
B: I used to, but now I'm on . . . diet. I'm trying to lose . . . weight.
- 9 . . . man suffering from . . . shock should not be given anything to drink.
10. You'll get . . . shock if you touch . . . live wire with that screwdriver.
Why don't you get . . . screwdriver with . . . insulated handle?
11. It costs fifty-five and . . . half pence and I've only got . . . fifty pence piece. You can pay by . . . cheque here. But can I write . . . cheque for . . . fifty-five and . . . half pence?
12. A: . . . Mr Smith is . . . old customer and . . . honest man.
B: Why do you say that? Has he been accused of . . . dishonesty?
13. A: I'm not . . . wage-earner; I'm . . . self-employed man. I have . . . business of my own.
B: Then you're not worker; you're . . . capitalist!
14. When he was charged with . . . murder he said he had . . . alibi.
15. A: . . . friend of mine is expecting . . . baby. If it's . . . girl she's going to be called Etheldreda.
B: What . . . name to give . . . girl!
16. I have . . . hour and . . . half for lunch.

- I only have . . . half . . . hour - barely . . . time for . . . smoke and ... cup of coffee.
17. I hope you have . . . lovely time and . . . good weather.
- But I'm not going for . . . holiday; I'm going on . . . business.
18. He looked at me with . . . horror when I explained that I was . . . double agent.
19. I wouldn't climb . . . mountain for £1,000! I have . . . horror of . . . heights.
20. I have . . . headache and . . . sore throat. I think I've got . . . cold. I think you're getting . . . flu.
- 21 . . . Mr Jones called while you were out (*neither of us knows this man*). He wants to make . . . complaint about . . . article in the paper. He was in . . . very bad temper.
22. If you go by . . . train you can have quite . . . comfortable journey, but make sure you get . . . express, not . . . train that stops at all the stations.
- 23 . . . few people know (*hardly anyone knows*) that there is . . . secret passage from this house to . . . old smugglers' cave in the cliffs.
24. A: I'm having . . . few friends in to . . . coffee tomorrow evening. Would you like to come?
B: I'd love to, but I'm afraid I'm going to . . . concert.
25. It's time you had . . . holiday. You haven't had . . . day off for . . . month.
26. He broke ...leg in... skiing accident. It's still in . . . plaster.
27. I want . . . assistant with . . . knowledge of French and . . . experience of . . . office routine.
28. I see that your house is built of . . . wood. Are you insured against ... fire?
29. The escaping prisoner camped in . . . wood but he didn't light . . . fire because . . . smoke rising from the wood might attract . . . attention.
30. A: I had . . . amazing experience last night. I saw . . . dinosaur eating . . . meat pie in . . . London park.
B: You mean you had . . . nightmare. Anyway, dinosaurs didn't eat . . . meat.
31. I'll pay you . . . hundred . . . week. It's not . . . enormous salary but after all you are . . . completely unskilled man.
32. If you kept . . . graph you could see at . . . glance whether you were making . . . profit or . . . loss.
- 33 . . . little (*hardly anything*) is known about the effect of this drug; yet . . . chemist will sell it to you without . . . prescription.
34. I have . . . little money left; let's have dinner in . . . restaurant.
35. Would it be . . . trouble to you to buy me . . . newspaper on your way home?
36. . . . man is . . . reasoning animal.

BÀI VỀ NHÀ

PHẦN 2: Insert the if necessary

EXERCISE 1

- 1 . . . youngest boy has just started going to . . . school; . . . eldest boy is at . . . college.
- 2 She lives on . . . top floor of an old house. When . . . wind blows, all . . . windows rattle.
- 3 . . . darkness doesn't worry . . . cats; . . . cats can see in . . . dark.
- 4 My little boys say that they want to be . . . spacemen, but most of them will probably end up in . . . less dramatic jobs.
- 5 Do you know . . . time? ~Yes, . . . clock in . . . hall has just struck nine. ~ Then it isn't . . . time to go yet.
- 6 He was sent to . . . prison for . . . six months for . . . shop-lifting.
When . . . six months are over he'll be released; . . . difficulty then will be to find . . . work.
Do you go to . . . prison to visit him?
- 7 I went to . . . school to talk to . . . headmistress. I persuaded her to let Ann give up . . . gymnastics and take . . . ballet lessons instead.
- 8 . . . ballet isn't much use for . . . girls; it is much better to be able to play . . . piano.
- 9 I am on... night duty. When you go to . . . bed, I go to . . . work.
- 10 Peter's at . . . office but you could get him on . . . phone. There's a telephone box just round . . . corner

EXERCISE 2

- 11 He got... bronchitis and was taken to . . . hospital. **I expect** they'll send him home at . . . end of . . . week. - Have you rung . . . hospital to ask how he is?
- 12 Ann's habit of riding a motorcycle up and down . . . road early in . . . morning annoyed . . . neighbours and in . . . end they took her to . . . court.
- 13 He first went to . . . sea in a Swedish ship, so as well as learning . . . navigation he had to learn . . . Swedish.
- 14 . . . family hotels are . . . hotels which welcome . . . parents and . . . children.
- 15 On . . . Sundays my father stays in . . . bed till ten o'clock, reading . . . Sunday papers.
- 16 Then he gets up, puts on . . . old clothes, has . . . breakfast and starts . . . work in . . . garden.
- 17 My mother goes to . . . church in . . . morning, and in . . . afternoon goes to visit . . . friends.

18 Like many women, she loves . . . tea parties and . . . gossip.

19 My parents have ... cold meat and . . . salad for . . . supper, . . . winter and . . . summer.

20 During . . . meal he talks about . . . garden and she tells him . . . village gossip.

EXERCISE 3

21 We have a very good train service from here to . . . city centre and most people go to . . .

work by train. You can go by . . . bus too, of course, but you can't get a season ticket on . . . bus.

22 . . . dead no longer need . . . help. We must concern ourselves with . . . living. We must build . . . houses and . . . schools and . . . playgrounds.

23 I'd like to see . . . Mr Smith please. ~

Do you mean . . . Mr Smith who works in . . . box office or . . . other Mr Smith?

24 Did you come by . . . air? -No, I came by . . . sea. I had a lovely voyage on . . . Queen Elizabeth II.

25 . . . most of . . . stories that . . . people tell about . . . Irish aren't true.

26 . . . married couples with . . . children often rent . . . cottages by . . . seaside for . . . summer holidays.

. . . men hire boats and go for . . . trips along . . . coast; . . . children spend . . . day on . . . beach and . . . poor mothers spend . . . most of . . . time doing . . . cooking and cleaning.

27 It's usually safe to walk on . . . sand, but here, when . . . tide is coming in, . . . sand becomes dangerously soft. . . people have been swallowed up by it.

28 When . . . Titanic was crossing . . . Atlantic she struck an iceberg which tore a huge hole in her bow. . . captain ordered . . . crew to help . . . passengers into . . . boats.

29 Everywhere . . . man has cut down . . . forests in order to cultivate . . . ground, or to use . . . wood as . . . fuel or as . . . building material.

30 But . . . interference with . . . nature often brings . . . disaster. . . , tree-felling sometimes turns . . . fertile land into a dust bowl.

EXERCISE 4

31 . . . people think that . . . lead is . . . heaviest metal, but . . . gold is heavier.

32 Our air hostess said, ' . . . rack is only for . . . light articles. . . heavy things such as . . . bottles must be put on . . . floor.'

33 . . . windows are supposed to let in . . . light; but . . . windows of this house are so small that we have to have . . . electric light on all . . . time.

34 There'll always be a conflict between . . . old and . . . young. . . young people want . . . change but . . . old people want . . . things to stay . . . same.

35 . . . power tends to corrupt and . . . absolute power corrupts absolutely.

36 You can fool some of . . . people all . . . time, and all . . . people some of . . . time; but you cannot fool all . . . people all . . . time.

PHẦN 3: Articles: a/an, the

Insert a, an or the if necessary.

EXERCISE 1

1 There was . . . knock on . . . door. I opened it and found . . . small dark man in . . . blue overcoat and . . . woollen cap.

2 He said he was . . . employee of . . . gas company and had come to read . . . meter.

3 But I had . . . suspicion that he wasn't speaking . . . truth because . . . meter readers usually wear . . . peaked caps.

4 However, I took him to . . . meter, which is in . . . dark corner under . . . stairs (. . . meters are usually in . . . dark corners under . . . stairs).

5 I asked if he had . . . torch; he said he disliked torches and always read . . . meters by . . . light of . . . match.

6 I remarked that if there was . . . leak in . . . gaspipe there might be . . . explosion while he was reading . . . meter.

7 He said, 'As . . . matter of . . . fact, there was . . . explosion in . . . last house I visited; and Mr Smith, . . . owner of . . . house, was burnt in . . . face.'

8 'Mr Smith was holding . . . lighted match at . . . time of . . . explosion.'

9 To prevent . . . possible repetition of this accident, I lent him . . . torch.

EXERCISE 2

10 He switched on . . . torch, read . . . meter and wrote . . . reading down on . . . back of . . . envelope.

11 I said in . . . surprise that . . . meter readers usually put . . . readings down in . . . book.

12 He said that he had had . . . book but that it had been burnt in . . . fire in . . . Mr Smith's house.

13 By this time I had come to . . . conclusion that he wasn't . . . genuine meter reader; and . . . moment he left . . . house I rang . . . police.

14 Are John and Mary . . . cousins? ~No, they aren't . . . cousins; they are . . . brother and . . .

sister.

15 . . . fog was so thick that we couldn't see . . . side of . . . road. We followed . . . car in front of us and hoped that we were going . . . right way.

16 I can't remember . . . exact date of . . . storm, but I know it was . . . Sunday because everybody was at . . . church. On . . . Monday . . . post didn't come because . . . roads were blocked by . . . fallen trees.

17 Peter thinks that this is quite . . . cheap restaurant.

18 There's been . . . murder here. ~Where's . . . body?~There isn't . . . body. ~Then how do you know there's been . . . murder?

19 Number . . . hundred and two, - . . . house next door to us, is for sale.

It's quite . . . nice house with . . . big rooms. . . . back windows look out on . . . park.

20 I don't know what . . . price . . . owners are asking. But Dry and Rot are . . . agents. You could give them . . . ring and make them . . . offer.

EXERCISE 3

21 . . . postman's little boy says that he'd rather be . . . dentist than . . . doctor, because . . . dentists don't get called out at . . . night.

22 Just as . . . air hostess (*there was only one on the plane*) was handing me . . . cup of . . . coffee . . . plane gave . . . lunch and . . . coffee went all over . . . person on . . . other side of . . . gangway.

23 There was . . . collision between . . . car and . . . cyclist at . . . crossroads near . . . my house early in . . . morning. . . . cyclist was taken to . . . hospital with . . . concussion. . . . driver of . . . car was treated for . . . shock. . . . witnesses say that . . . car was going at . . . seventy miles . . . hour.

24 Professor Jones, . . . man who discovered . . . new drug that everyone is talking about, refused to give . . . press conference.

25 Peter Piper, . . . student in . . . professor's college, asked him why he refused to talk to . . . press.

26 We're going to . . . tea with . . . Smiths today, aren't we? Shall we take . . . car? ~ We can go by . . . car if you wash . . . car first. We can't go to . . . Mrs Smith's in . . . car all covered with . . . mud.

27 He got . . . job in . . . south and spent . . . next two years doing . . . work he really enjoyed.

28 It is . . . pleasure to do . . . business with such . . . efficient organization.

29 . . . day after . . . day passed without . . . news, and we began to lose ... hope.

30 Would you like to hear . . . story about . . . Englishman, . . . Irishman and . . . Scotsman? ~

No. I've heard . . . stories about . . . Englishmen, . . . Irishmen and . . . Scotsmen before
and they are all . . . same.

EXERCISE 4

31 But mine is not . . . typical story. In my story . . . Scotsman is generous, . . . Irishman is
logical and . . . Englishman is romantic. ~Oh, if it's . . . fantastic story I'll listen with . . .
pleasure.

32 My aunt lived on . . . ground floor of . . . old house on . . . River Thames. She was very
much afraid of . . . burglars and always locked up . . . house very carefully before she went
to . . . bed. She also took . . . precaution of looking under . . . bed to see if . . . burglar was
hiding there.

33 ' . . . modern burglars don't hide under . . . beds,' said her daughter.

I'll go on looking just . . . same,' said my aunt.

34 One morning she rang her daughter in . . . triumph. I found . . . burglar under . . . bed . . .
last night,' she said, 'and he was quite . . . young man.'

35 . . . apples are sold by . . . pound. These are forty pence . . . pound.

36 It was . . . windy morning but they hired . . . boat and went for . . . sail along . . . coast.
In afternoon . . . wind increased and they soon found themselves in . . . difficulties.

EXERCISE 5. Complete the story about the theft of a river barge. Put in a, an, one or the.

This is a true story about (1) man who chose (2)worst possible time
for his crime. It happened in London in (3) summer of 1972. (4) man stole
a barge on (5).... River Thames (in case you don't know, (6)..... barge is a river
boat used for carrying goods). (7)..... owner of (8)..... barge soon discovered
that it was missing and immediately informed (9) police so that they could look
for it. Normally (10)..... river is quite (11)..... busy place, and it would be
difficult to find what you were looking for. On this day, however, there was(12).....
dock strike, and so there was only (13)..... barge on (14) river. (15)
..... thief was quickly found and arrested.

Keys to Practical Exercises

Phần 1. Articles: a/ an**Exercise 1** (note that '-' indicates that no article is required.)

1 a, -	2 -, -, -, a	3 a, a	4 a, -; a; a, -	5 A, -, -	6 -, a, an
7 A, -, a, a, -, a	8 -, -; a, -	9 A, -	10 a, a, a, an	11 -, a, a, -, a, -,a	12 -, an, an, -
13 a, a, a, a, a	14 -, an	15 A, a, a, a, a	16 an, a, -, an, -, a, a	17 a, -, a,-	18 -, a
19 a; a, -	20 a, a; a; -	21 A; a, an; a	22 -,a, an, a	23 -,a, an	24 a,-; a
25 a, a, a	26 a, a, -	27 an, a,-,-	28 -;-	29 a, a,-,-	30 an; a, a, -, a, -
31 a, a; an, a	32 a, a, a, a	33 -,a, a	34 a, a	35 a, a	36 -,a

Phần 2. Articles: THE**Exercise 1** (As before '-' indicates that no article is required, '(the)' indicates that the article is optional.)

1 The, -, the, -	2 the, the, the	3 -, -, -, the	4 -, -	5 the, the, the, -
6 -, -, -, the, the, -, the	7 the, the, -, -	8 -, -, the	9 -, -, -	10 the, the, the

Exercise 2

11 -, -, the, the, the	12 the, the, the, the, -	13 -, -, -	14 -, -, -, -	15 -, -, the
16 -, -, -, the	17 -, the, the, -	18 -, -	19 -, -, -, -, -	20 the, the, the

Exercise 3

21 the, -; -,the	22 The, -; the;-,-	23-; the, the, the	24-;-; the	25-, the,-, the
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	, -			
26 -, -, -, the; The, -, the; the, the, the, the, -, the, the	27 -, the, the; -	28 the, the; The, the, the, the	29 -, -, the, the, - ,-	30 -, -, -, -

Exercise 4

31 -, -, the, -

32 The, -, -, the

33 -, (the), the, the, the

34 (the), (the); -, -, -, the

35 -, -

36 the, the, the, the, the, the

Phần 3. Articles: A/ AN/ THE

Exercise 1 (Two words separated by an oblique, e.g. the/his, indicate that either is a possible answer. The first word is normally the preferred answer.)

1 a, the; a, a

2 an, the, the

3 a, the, -, -

4 the, a, the, -, -(the)

5 a, -, the, a

6 a, a/the, an, the

7 a, -, an, the, the, the, the

8 a, the, the

9 a, a

10 the, the, the, the, an

Exercise 2

11 -, -(the), a

12 a, the

13 the, a, the, the, the

14 -, -, -

15 The, the, the; the, the

16 the, the, a, -: (the), the, the, -

17 a

18 a; the; a: a

19 a, the: a, -; The, the

20 -, the; the; a, an

Exercise 3

21 The, a, a, -, -

22 the, a, -, the, a, the, the, the, the

23 a, a, a, the, -, the; The, -, -; The, the, -, -, the, -, an

24 the, the, a

25 a, the, the

26 -, the; the; -, the; -, a, -

27 a, the, the, -

28 a, -, an

29 -, -, -

30 a, an, an, a: -, -, -, the

Exercise 4

31 a; the, the, the: a, -

32 the, an, the; -, the, -: the, the, a

33 -, -; the

34 -, a, the, -, a

35 -, the; a

36 a, a, a, the; the, the, -

Exercise 5

This is a true story about **a** man who chose **the** worst possible time for his crime. It happened in London in **the** summer of 1972. **the** man stole a barge on **the** River Thames (in case you don't know, **a** barge is a river boat used for carrying goods). **the** owner of **the** barge soon discovered that it was missing and immediately informed **the** police so that they could look for it. Normally **the** river is quite **a** busy place, and it would be difficult to find what you were looking for. On this day, however, there was **a** dock strike, and so there was only **one** barge on **the** river. **The** thief was quickly found and arrested.